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Public Health

Acquisition of lands for Ahobilam water-supply scheme.

* 340 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the answer given to question No. 598 on 12th October 1928 regarding the Ahobilam water-supply scheme will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the licence for the forest land has been granted by the Collector;

(*b*) whether the patta lands have been acquired; and

(*c*) when the work was put on hand or is likely to be put on hand?

A.—The Government have no information, but they have called for a report from the President, District Board, Kurnool.

Expenditure on the cure and treatment of leprosy.

* 341 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government in each of the past eight years and that provided in the current year for the cure or treatment of leprosy;

(*b*) how much of the same is for leprosy clinics;

(*c*) whether Government have information of a recent leprosy survey made by the Travancore Government, and of the leprosy clinics opened as a result in the said State;

(*d*) whether Government propose to order a similar survey for the Madras Province or some portion of it to ascertain the extent of the disease;

(*e*) whether Government propose to open leprosy clinics in all Government hospitals, by stages or otherwise, and also by granting subsidies to local bodies and private practitioners as are willing to open leprosy clinics, if not, why not; and

(*f*) what proposals Government have to check the spread of the disease and to afford treatment in the early stages?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The expenditure incurred by the Government during the past eight years for the treatment of leprosy in the Government institution was as shown below:—

Year.	Expenditure incurred.	Year.	Expenditure incurred.
	RS.		RS.
1920	69,325	1924	87,584
1921	81,758	1925	42,230
1922	87,068	1926	1,07,455
1923	1,08,737	1927	1,08,830